

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services– Revenue Department – Sri Veldanda Kishan Rao, S/o Srinivasa Rao, aged 49 years, Village Revenue Officer, Peddamuddunur Village, FAC Naganool village of Nagarkurnool mandal, Mahaboobnagar District – Allegation of Corruption – Trapped on 31-8-2007 – Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE(VIG.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.1043

Dated 20-08-2008

ORDER:

That Sri Veldanda Kishan Rao, S/o Srinivasa Rao worked as Village Revenue Officer, Peddamuddunur village, FAC Naganool village of Nagarkurnool mandal, Mahaboobnagar district from 8-2-2007 to 31-8-2007 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of public servant as defined in under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988);

Whereas it is alleged that Sri Uppala Anjaneyulu, S/o Balaswamy, aged 28 years, Occ:agriculture resident of H.No.18-65, Sanjaynagar colony, Nagarkurnool village and mandal, Mahaboobnagar District(LW-1) is eking out his livelihood by doing agriculture. There is 7 acres and 38 guntas of land in Sy.No.102/A at the outskirts of Naganool village in the name of his father Sri Uppala Balaswamy. They are three brothers viz. Uppala Anjaneyulu, Shekhar and Ganesh. In the year 2005, Sri U.Anjaneyulu and two brothers shared the above land and got 2 acres and 26 guntas land each. They submitted an application to the Tahsildar, Nagarkurnool on 06-07-2007 for transfer of shared lands on their names. The Tahsildar endorsed their petition to Sri Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Naganool village for enquiry and report. In this regard, Sri U.Anjaneyulu and his brother have met Sri Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, but he demanded Rs.3,000/- as bribe to him to submit his enquiry report to the Tahsildar. When they expressed their inability to pay such a huge amount as bribe, Sri Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer informed that he will not submit his enquiry report unless the demanded bribe is paid to him. Later they registered their shares in the Registrar office on 26-7-2007 and gave the copies of registered documents to Sri Kishan Rao on 29-7-2007 and requested him to submit his enquiry report, Sri Kishan Rao reiterated his earlier demand of bribe Rs.3000/- to submit his enquiry report. Finally on 28-8-2007 when they met Sri Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer and enquired about his reports, he reiterated his earlier demand of bribe Rs.3000/-. When Sri U.Anjaneyulu and his brothers have expressed their inability to pay Rs.3000/- and requested Sri V.Kishan Rao to reduce the amount, he reduced the same to Rs.2000/- and informed that he will not submit his report unless the said bribe is paid to him. Having no other go, Sri U.Anjaneyulu and his brother informed to Sri V.Kishan Rao that they will come within two or three days and came back;

As Sri U.Anjaneyulu and his brother were not willing to pay bribe to Sri Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Sri U.Anjaneyulu lodged a complaint with the Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad range, Mahaboobnagar requesting to take legal action against Sri V.Kishan Rao;

On receipt of the complaint, the Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Mahaboobnagar district made confidential enquiries with regard to the genuineness of the complaint and reputation of the accused officer etc., and registered a case in Cr.No.19/ACB-HR/2007 U/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 31-8-2007 at 0730 hours after obtaining permission from competent authority and investigated into;

And whereas, it is further alleged that, during the course of trap on 31-8-2007 at 7 p.m., the accused officer Sri V. Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Peddamuddunur village, FAC Naganool village of Nagarkurnool mandal, Mahaboobnagar district was trapped in front of Venkateshwara dhaba situated

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near APSRTC Bus Depot, Nagarkurnool on Nagarkurnool–Srisailem highway when he demanded and accepted a bribe amount of Rs.2000/- from Sri U.Anjaneyulu, the LW-1 and phenolphthalein test conducted over his right hand fingers yielded positive results. The inner flap of left side pocket of the wearing shirt of the Accused Officer which came into contact with the tainted bribe amount also yielded positive result when it was subjected to Sodium Carbonate solution test. The tainted currency Rs.2000/- was recovered from the possession of Sri V.Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer at his instance and the wearing shirt which came into contact with the tainted amount was seized along with the material objects and relevant documents under cover of post trap proceedings;

Whereas, it is alleged that Sri Veldanada Kishan Rao has forged the signatures of Sri U.Anjaneyulu and his brother Shekar and Ganesh in Form 6A which is the proforma application to be submitted with their signatures for mutation of lands to the concerned section of Tahsildar's office, Nagarkurnool for issuing proceedings and during the course of investigation the Form 6 A claim was seized by the Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau and sent to Hand Writings Expert, Andhra Pradesh Forensic Science Laboratory, Hyderabad along with the admitted and sample hand writings of Sri V.Kishan Rao and Sri U.Anjaneyulu, Shekar and Ganesh and the hand writings expert examined and issued a report opining that the hand writings in Form 6A claim tallied with the admitted and sample hand writings of Sri Kishan Rao;

And whereas it is alleged that the above acts of Sri V. Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Peddamuddunur village, full additional charge, Naganool village of Nagarkurnool mandal, Mahaboobnagar district constitute the offences punishable under section 7 & 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 468 IPC;

And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri V. Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Peddamuddunur village, FAC Naganool village of Nagarkurnool mandal, Mahaboobnagar district from his service after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that Sri V. Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Peddamuddunur village, FAC Naganool village of Nagarkurnool mandal, Mahaboobnagar district should be prosecuted in the Court of law for the aforesaid offences;

Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under section 19 (1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Sri V. Kishan Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Peddamuddunur village, FAC Naganool village of Nagarkurnool mandal, Mahaboobnagar district for the aforesaid offences punishable under section 7 & 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Sec.468 IPC and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said allegations and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SUDHIR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General
Anti Corruption Bureau
A.P., Hyderabad.